

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Michael Patrick, P.E. Director, Waste Resources Division City of Chattanooga 455 Moccasin Bend Road Chattanooga, Tennessee 37405

Re: Extension Approval for the Additional Operational Plan Consent Decree, U.S. District Court Civil Action Case: No. 1:12-cv-00245

Dear Mr. Patrick:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) have received a Request for Extension, dated January 30, 2017, from the City of Chattanooga (the City) regarding the Additional Operation Plan (AOP), which is required by Paragraph 24(a) of the Consent Decree. The City has requested an additional six (6) months for developing and submitting the AOP due to a lack of rain which resulted in not enough discharge sampling events available during the monitoring period to validate the model. In accordance with Section XI (Force Majeure) of the Consent Decree, the EPA, after consultation with TDEC, hereby agrees to extend the submittal date for the AOP from April 24, 2017, to October 24, 2017. The City shall continue to update the EPA and TDEC regarding the progress of the AOP, as well as the implementation of the Post Construction Compliance Monitoring Program, in its Semi-Annual Work Progress Reports.

Please contact Ms. Sara Janovitz at (404) 562-9870 or via email at janovitz.sara@epa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Maurice L. Horsey, IV, Chief

Municipal & Industrial Enforcement Section NPDES Permitting and Enforcement Branch

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